



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Thursday 8th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Cllr King (Chairman) and Cllrs Hayday, Palmer, Randall, Jones, Herrett, Burr, Eynon, Sutherland and Bell.

In attendance: Mrs Maria Pennington, Parish Clerk.

Also present: Four members of the public. Unitary Councillor Britton from 8.40pm.

Presentation from Catherine Blandford about the broadband initiative she's leading regarding Romsey Road.

Catherine Blandford gave a presentation on the broadband speeds in the village of Sherfield English part of which is in the county of Wiltshire and under Whiteparish Parish Council, for example Bunny Lane and part of the A27. Ms Blandford indicated that the broadband speed is unacceptably low, with very few residents getting more than 1 or 2 Mbs. The HCC Initiative in 2015 brought little benefit as it only provided cable as far as existing cabinets, none of which are sited in the village (Sherfield English/Whiteparish). An Action Group has been set up, and is being headed by Catherine Blandford. Via BT's Community Fibre Partnerships programme they are investigating sharing the cost of installing additional fibre optic cabling, with local residents raising the funds required to make up the shortfall.

Public questions

There were no public questions.

Apologies

311/16 Apologies received from Cllr Francis and Unitary Cllr Britton (late). Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to note the apologies received.

Declaration of Interests

312/16 All Councillors present declared a personal and pecuniary interest as they pay Council Tax.

313/16 Cllr Herrett declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 as he knows three residents affected by broadband speed.

314/16 Cllr Randall declared a personal non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 14 as he was acquainted with the land owner.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting held 3rd November 2016

315/16 Cllr Hayday stated minute 304/16 is incorrect and the correct statement recorded was the Memorial Trust is waiting to hear back from the surgery in order to meet with the contractors regarding re grading the car park. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2016 to be amended and re-presented for approval.

Matters arising from meeting held 3rd November 2016

316/16 There were no matters arising.

Acceptance of minutes of finance meeting held 24th November 2016

317/16 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the finance meeting held on 24th November 2016 as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

To consider broadband speed in Romsey Road

318/16 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for Catherine Blandford to return to the Parish Council when costs are known.

Planning

To consider a response to planning applications received:

319/16 16/10736/VAR Brickworth Service Station Brickworth Road Whiteparish Salisbury Wiltshire SP5 2QE Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 13/05561/FUL to end the test period required to test the suitability of this use in this locality in relation to potential noise impact. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to raise no comment to this application.

320/16 16/11540/TCA Abbotstone View The Street Whiteparish Salisbury Wiltshire SN5 2SG Bay tree - reduce back to clear building & neighbouring garden. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to raise no comment to this application.

321/16 16/11292/FUL Land adjacent Park Close Bunny Lane Sherfield English Wiltshire SO51 6FU Proposed detached dwelling with link attached single garage. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal to this application as, in line with the adopted Wiltshire Core Strategy, it is a new dwelling outside of the Housing Settlement Boundary.

322/16 16/11750/DDD Vine Cottage The Street Whiteparish, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 2SG Conifer tree – fell. The Clerk reported that she has spoken with the local Conservation Area Tree Officer who advised this application is not for consideration as it has already been dealt with.

323/16 16/11152/FUL Woodpeckers Brickworth Road Whiteparish Salisbury Wiltshire SP5 2QG Proposed conversion of stable block into dwelling for family use only and conversion of garage block to function/play rooms (Resubmission of 16/05092/FUL). Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal to this application as it is creating a new dwelling in open countryside and is outside of the Housing Settlement Boundary. The Parish Council also don't believe the offered legal solution has any value i.e. to be enforced.

Finance

To agree a pension policy for employee(s)

324/16 Following a report from Cllr Palmer and a discussion, Cllr King proposed, Cllr Hayday seconded and it was RESOLVED, with Cllrs Palmer and Herrett against, that the pension policy for employee(s) be NEST at the minimum rate.

8.30pm One member of the public left the meeting.

To set budget for 2017/18

325/16 Following a report from Cllr Palmer and a discussion, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget for 2017/18.

8.35pm Two members of the public left the meeting.

8.36pm Unitary Cllr Britton arrived.

To set Parish Precept for 2017/18

326/16 Following a report from Cllr Palmer and a discussion, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to increase the parish precept for Band D by 3.82% which is £1.50 a year.

To agree appointment and cost of internal auditor for 2017/2018

327/16 The Clerk reported that the quote is £175.00 for the internal auditor. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the proposed quote.

To approve application from PCC for financial assistance with grass cutting of the churchyard

328/16 The Clerk reported that the requested amount is £882.50. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to support the PCC with the requested amount.

To consider the grass cutting quotes for recreational land 2017

329/16 The Clerk presented the quotes received and Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to continue with Bawdens.

To nominate three people to become Trustees of Whiteparish Memorial Trust

330/16 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to nominate Mike Hayday, Richard Burr and John Herrett.

To consider a request for new play equipment from the Memorial Trust using Wiltshire Council Section 106 (R2) funds

331/16 Cllr King proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting as the Clerk had not yet received the request.

To consider a response to the BT Payphone Removal consultation – payphone on A36, Southampton Road

332/16 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to propose no objections.

To consider a response to the draft Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy and Wiltshire Open Space Study Community Area Profiles consultation

333/16 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to respond to the draft consultation stating that the draft consultation indicates insufficient Whiteparish recreational land and Whiteparish Parish Council would consider necessary land if it became available.

Rights of Way update

334/16 Cllr Herrett reported that Riverbourne Community Farm and the volunteers have cleared path 26 and Cllr Herrett would like to encourage more use of the public footpaths.

335/16 Cllr Burr reported path 5, which is in the New Forest, requires new gates. Cllr Palmer advised that the New Forest can provide the gates, but we need to provide the volunteers. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for the Clerk to investigate further with the NFNPA.

To consider a response to an application for an Order to add a public footpath at Mean Wood, Whiteparish to the definitive map and statement

336/16 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this order and has always understood this was a permissive footpath. This was a unanimous decision.

To consider a request for clearance on bridleway 39

337/16 The Clerk updated that the British Horse Society and Wiltshire Councils Senior Right of Way Warden are now currently working on clearance of this bridleway. No action required.

To consider a request for support on upgrading footpaths 25, 35 and 36 to bridleways

338/16 Cllr King proposed from the Chair and it was RESOLVED that this item be deferred for a few months until Mean Wood has been settled.

To consider action further to the Southern Area Boards initiative on Conservation and subsequent report recommendations for enhancing habitats for wildlife and involving the community in Whiteparish

339/16 Following a report from a conservation expert and notes from Cllr Bell, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for Cllr Bell to make further investigations for conservation ideas.

To consider the publication of approved minutes

340/16 The Chairman reported that approved minutes have always been readily available to view from the Chairman. Following a request from a member of the public for approved minutes to be e-mailed direct to them, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to decline e-mailing the minutes to individual members of the public on the grounds that it showed preferential or exclusive treatment however, agreed to publish approved minutes, as a pdf, on the village website in order that they are easily accessible for the majority of residents. It was also agreed to continue to place Parish Council Notes on the noticeboard and in the Steeple and Street.

To consider the publication of draft minutes

341/16 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to continue to not publish draft minutes.

To consider lobbying Wiltshire Council to change their policy on 20mph speed limits

342/16 Further to a request from a resident Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to not lobby Wiltshire Council to change their policy. Residents of The Street did not wish to lose any of the current parking to accommodate a 20mph limit.

Highways update

343/16 The Clerk reported the new Parish Steward has carried out two sessions within Whiteparish.

344/16 Cllr Randall reported that due to the number of serious accidents on the A36 Highways England are currently looking into reviewing the speed on the A36 and that residents of Landford are forming a petition to lower the A36 to 50mph.

345/16 Reports from Representatives

School

No report.

Memorial Trust

Cllr Hayday reported on the Memorial Trusts activities.

New Forest National Park

Cllr Palmer had circulated her latest report from meetings she had attended.

Whiteparish Education Foundation

The Chairman reported there have been no meetings.

Youth

Cllr Sutherland reported on the Youth Group.

Area Board

Actions and outcomes from the Area Board meeting on 1st December had been circulated. The next Area Board is January 26th at Trafalgar School, Downton.

346/16 Correspondence/communications

The Clerk updated on correspondence received.

The member of the public contested with the Clerk that his correspondence regarding the e-mailing of minutes had not been mentioned. The Clerk considered that the issues raised had been dealt with as agenda items in the meeting and his correspondence had been circulated to the Parish Council. The member of the public continued to challenge the Clerk who said she felt his behaviour was aggressive. After a short discussion, the member of the public left the meeting at 10.25pm.

Financial Statement
04.11.16 to 08.12.16

Cheques to be signed 08.12.16			
Chq no	Payee	Description	Amount £
100923	Whiteparish Memorial Trust	Room Hire: Jan 2017 to March 2017 (3 meetings)	90.00
100924	Mrs M Pennington	Remuneration Week 36	494.40
100925	Mrs M Pennington	Admin 04.11.16 to 08.12.16	83.24

Cheque to be signed 08.12.16 if agreed at the PC meeting			
Chq no	Payee	Description	Amount £
100926	PCC Whiteparish	Contribution to grass cutting 2016	882.50

Income Received			
Date	Sender	Description	Amount £
03.12.16	Interest	Business Reserve A/C	3.03
03.12.16	Interest	Conservation A/C	0.02
03.12.16	HMRC	VAT repayment 01.03.15 to 31.03.16	1,199.64

- Community Account Balance @ 08.12.16 - £48,258.45
- Business Reserve: @ 08.12.16 - £24,320.80
- Conservation @ 08.12.16 - £185.20

Next Meeting

Next meeting is to be held Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.30pm as there was no further business.

Minutes Prepared by Maria Pennington (Clerk to the Parish Council).